

Appl. No. 10/692,444
Amendment and Response to Office Action

Docket No. 085804-013410

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REMARKS

Claims 2 to 26, 28, 29 and 35 to 44 are the pending claims, of which Claims 6, 29 and 39 are the independent claims. Claims 2 to 10, 14, 15, 19 to 21, 25, 26, 28 and 29 are being amended, and Claims 35 to 44 are being added. Claims 1, 27 and 30 to 34 are being cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter.¹ Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects Claims 3 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Without conceding the correctness of the objection, Claim 33 is being cancelled rendering the rejection of the claim moot, and Claim 3 is being amended. Claim 3 is amended to even more clearly recite that generating a first hash at a third time further comprises setting the first hash to a value indicating that access is to be denied if the first and the second authorization tickets do not match, thereby indicating attempted unauthorized access. Based on the amendments and remarks presented, reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 112, second paragraph rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3 to 5, 7, 8, 10 to 27, 30, 31, 33 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 7,089,585 (Dharmarajan), and Claims 2 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Dharmarajan and an Official Notice.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 6 and 29. Without conceding the correctness of the claim rejections, Claims 6 and 29 are being amended to place them in independent form, and Claims 1, 27 and 30 to 34 are being cancelled. As amended, Claims 2 to 10, 14, 15, 19 to 21, 25 and 26 are

¹ Applicants reserve the right to re-present these claims in a suitable continuing application; the cancellation of such claims herein does not constitute an admission as to the correctness of any of the present grounds of rejection, or as to the teachings of the prior art.

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being amended to depend from Claim 6, and Claim 28 is amended to depend from Claim 29.

With regard to possible future application of the Doctrine of Equivalents to the claims, it should be understood that Applicant does not regard the non-prejudicial cancellation of Claims 1, 27 and 30 to 34, or the amendments made to Claims 6 and 29 as relinquishing any scope of equivalents, since Applicant presently intends to pursue those claims in a related application.

In view of the indicated allowable subject matter, Claims 2 to 26, 28 and 29 are believed to be in condition for allowance. New Claims 35 to 44 are presented herein. It is believed that no new matter has been added. Furthermore, Claims 35 to 44 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

The Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance therefore be issued in this case. Should matters remain which the Examiner believes could be resolved in a further telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney.

In this regard, Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached by phone in California (Pacific Standard Time) at (714) 708-6500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the below-listed address.

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Respectfully submitted,

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